

## Seraphine Race Report – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Well we only had one race this month, but this allowed us to do a display with the cars and Bar's Leaks/Rislone products at our local NAPA store. Kids had a blast signing their hero cards for the day. A lot of people were asking where they can find the rear main seal repair as they are having a hard time finding it in the stores, just thought I would pass that along for your information. It also let Brandon and I have time to attend the 2009 March meet (<http://www.famosoraceway.com/marchmeet.htm>) and what a day we had, a great day for the two of us.

Well our one and only race this month, really three races (two track races Saturday and Div 7 Sunday) just one weekend which turned out to be two weekends was at Auto Club Famoso Raceway in Bakersfield Ca. 3/21/09 (<http://www.famosoraceway.com/>). Well first up was Brenda's Rislone car and she runs a 7.82 and a 7.86 in her qualifying runs. So after we adjust the weight on her car for first round we dial a 7.90 on the Rislone car and she cuts a great light .020 and was able to back pedal top a 7.98 at 74.70 MPH. So second round we dial another 7.90 and she has even a better light as she goes .000 on the tree with the other driver cuts a .013 and they play their games at the finish line with Brenda telling me sorry dad I should have pumped the brakes once not twice as she lost with a 7.95 to their 7.96 with both cars running 79. MPH - great race. Then the second race was pretty neat as she got one time trial run which was a 7.82. But at this track they run 13-17 year olds together which could make it possible for the Bar's Leaks and Rislone cars having to race each other, and wouldn't you know it they got paired up with each other. I was offered a chance to split them up but did not want to hear someone say anything and just went ahead with the race. So both cars (Bar's Leaks/Rislone) dial in at a 7.90. Next thing I know I was forced to shut Brenda's car off for a very rare minor problem and the Bar's Leaks car goes on for the win.

So on to the Bar's Leaks car driven by Brandon, he goes out and runs an 8.10 and 8.01 in his time trials. So first round we have to race his best friend Zac Bogner in the Lucas Oil car and they both go red but the Bar's Leaks car is worse and that quick we are done. So we get one hit between races and he runs a 7.88. Then we know what happened first round against the Rislone car. So second round we dial in a 7.90 and he wins with a great light .008 and a 7.91. Next round Brandon goes -.008 with a 7.92 to end his day.

So Sunday's the day we are really here for, which is the Div 7 race we get to the track and it's not a good day as it rained all night long and the wind and cold have set in. So long story short they called the race at noon and decide to hold it the following weekend.

So we left our trailer there as it's over a hundred miles away and over a very high peak and just didn't want to drive in the slow lane all the way. But now we have ran into a little problem for the Rislone car as Brenda had a cheer competition at Knott's Berry Farm this weekend so it's going to be Brandon and me only. Well we get there the following weekend and he runs a 7.90 with great light and then a .006 light with a 7.88. So I feel I made a mistake for first round as I lowered the front tire pressure and lowered the engine rpm so he would not go red and he has his worst light all year which was a .70 and the other driver had a better light and ran one off his number for the win.

Now on the in car camera we made some runs with it on the first Saturday with Brandon's Bar's Leaks car with the plan of doing Brenda's car the next day, but due to the rain and Brenda not able to come back the next weekend we were unable to complete our plan. So as Shelly knows I have forwarded it to the next team to use hoping we will get it back later in September when we will have three races in one weekend with plenty of time to record many runs and try different angles. I will be sending the memory card to you this week with a summary of the runs.

Well Brenda is just about ready to start her SAT test for collage and Brandon is winding down his school year with great grades. Brandon and his sister will be able to enjoy one last year together next year at high school as it will be Brenda's last year and Brandon's first year. On a last note Brenda had picked up a 330 ride in the Wicked West Coast 330 club (<http://www.wickedwestcoast330s.com/>) to join her brother but not on the same team. And she also turned 17 March 5<sup>th</sup>, time is flying now.

Thank you and Happy Easter to everyone at Bar's Leaks/Rislone

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